

Builder seeking gem for Corn Hill

■ Sculpture contest winner to get \$65,000 for project at city site.

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The developer of Corn Hill Landing, with the city and state, will award \$65,000 to the winner of a sculpture contest and will install the winner's piece near an amphitheater under construction at Plymouth Avenue and Exchange Boulevard.

The sculpture will be the crowning glory of Corn Hill Landing, the apartment, retail and office complex that sits on the Genesee River. Richard Rosen, an architect for Mark IV Construction Co. Inc. declined to share his vision for the sculpture — "I wouldn't want to second-guess the artists," he said — but hastened to add that it should be "something imposing, something people will come from all over to see."

By July, a jury of community leaders and artists will select and rank six finalists, each of whom will then receive a \$500 fee to refine their submissions. The winner will be expected to work with Mark IV engineers and will receive the \$65,000 for design and fabrication.

The sculpture, which is expected to be installed in December, will face the street and be encircled by a "seating wall." The "amphitheater" — a sloping, grassy area with space for 600 people — will be immediately next to it, facing a "performance space" and

How to enter

Artists should attend one of two meetings at the construction site at Plymouth Avenue and Exchange Boulevard, at 6:30 p.m. May 9 or 2 p.m. May 13. Submissions are due June 10. For rules and details, go to www.MarkIVenterprises.com or call (585) 232-1760, ext. 114.

and Rochester International Jazz festivals.

Visitors and residents alike have noted that Rochester lacks "a single public square, the obvious place to go," said Rosen. "We think this is it."

And the sculpture, he said, "is the landmark you'll look for" to get there.

The housing and retail portions of Corn Hill Landing, meanwhile, are filling up with tenants. Christopher DiMarzo, Mark IV's vice president of construction operations, said 80 percent of the 127 rental units have been leased. He also said a second location of the upscale bistro Sienna Grill & Bar would be opening there.

Other eateries will include a creamery with ice cream supplied by the Pittsford Farms Dairy; a second location for Richport Bakery; and Siam, operated by the owner of Golden Port restaurant on East Avenue, DiMarzo and Rosen said.

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